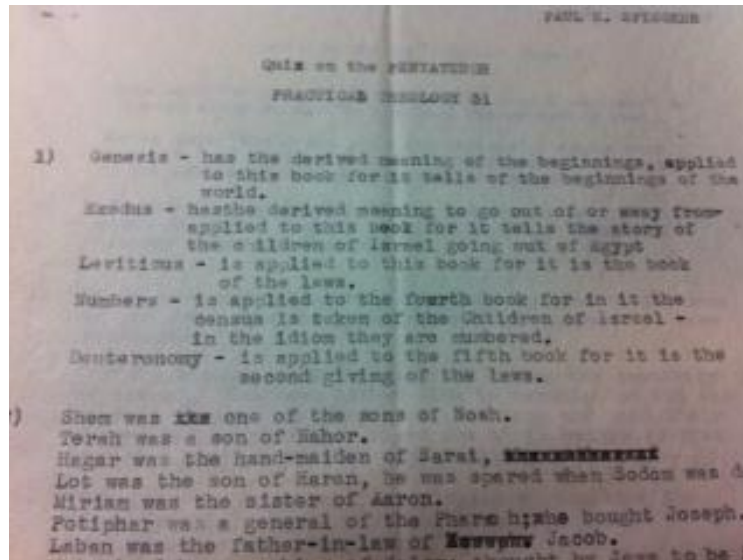


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Finding Aid for

**Paul Edwin Spiecker Papers, 1933 – 1936**



Credit to: UTS 1: Paul Edwin Spiecker Papers, Series 1, Box 4, Folder 1,  
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Paul Edwin Spiecker, 1908-2000  
Title: Paul Edwin Spiecker Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1933 – 1936  
Bulk dates: 1933 – 1936  
Abstract: Papers of former Union Theological Seminary student and Methodist Minister Reverend Paul Edwin Spiecker, who attended from 1933-1936. Reverend Spiecker was Pastor of Trinity Church in Stony Point, NY. Papers include lecture notes, exams, and papers from many of his classes.  
Size: 6 boxes, 2.75 linear feet  
Storage: **Offsite storage**  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The papers are part of the Union Theological Seminary Archives, which comprises institutional and administrative records of the Seminary, combined with the papers of many organizations, scholars, pastors, laypersons, and others connected with the school. The materials in this collection were part of a large group of unprocessed material that was organized in 2015.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu), or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying. Please note that boxes are held in Offsite storage and will require 48 hours' notice in response to a weekday request for retrieval.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, UTS 1: Paul Edwin Spiecker, 1933-1936, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

Paul Edwin Spiecker was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1908. He graduated from the Pennington School in New Jersey in 1929 and Boston University in 1933 prior to attending the Union Theological Seminary. The Reverend Paul Edwin Spiecker attended UTS from 1933-1936, and went on to work as Pastor of Trinity Church in Stony Point, NY. Reverend Spiecker died in 2000.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

Paul Edwin Spiecker took meticulous notes on the classes he attended. His papers include type written and hand written lecture notes, exams, and papers. Current seminary students at UTS or elsewhere may find these records enlightening, as they show how UTS courses have evolved over the past decades. Papers and exams contain written remarks by professors. Researchers may also find interesting several booklets published in the 1930s by various Temperance Societies. Of particular note is an abstract of a paper, "The Technique of Criticism," read for the Browning Society in London on October 22, 1935 by Professor Stanley Hopper, who taught Practical Theology at UTS.

The collection is organized in two series:

- **Series 1: Class Notes, 1933-1936 (5 boxes, 2.50 lin. ft.)**

This series contains class notes, papers, and exams on the following courses: The Old Testament, The New Testament, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, and The Reinterpretation of Life in History, Religious Education, and the History of Religion.

The course instructors include: Dr. John Baillie, Dr. Bewer, Prof. Van Dusen, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Prof. Bruce Curry, Prof. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Prof. Stanley Hopper, Dr. Edwin Lewis, Dr. E.W. Lyman, Dr. Cyril Richardson, Prof. Scott, and Prof. Paul Tillich. The paper, "The Technique of Criticism," read for the Browning Society in London on October 22, 1935 by Professor Stanley Hopper is located in Box 4 Folder 3.

- **Series 2: General, 1933-1936 (1 box, 0.25 lin. ft.)**

Within this series are booklets from the NJ Temperance Society, The Scientific Temperance Federation Bulletin from 1938, and a booklet on "Alcohol Problems Visualized" published by the National Forum.

Of note are several parody songs written by Spiecker and another student poking fun at several of UTS's professors listed above. Also included is a love song to "Ruth" composed by Spiecker in 1933.

### **Processing**

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Any items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes.

### **Further Sources**

The Burke Library offers a number of collections related to classes at Union, as well as papers of the professors who taught the classes that Spiecker attended. For more information, please see the [Burke Library Archives website](#).

Also see the following newsletter: Kenneth E. Rowe, "Methodism in New Jersey: A Brief Bibliography," *The Circuit Writer*, Spring 1978, 11.

## Contents list

### Series 1: Class Notes, 1933-1936

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1	1	1	Old Testament 1, September 1933
1	1	2	Old Testament 2, February-May 1934
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1	2	1	New Testament 1, February 1934
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1	2	4-5	New Testament 52a and 52c, February 1934 and February 1935
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1	2	7	New Testament Greek 170-171 [19??]
1	3	1	Systematic Theology 2, February–May, 1935
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1	3	4-6	Systematic Theology 700B, September 1935-January 1936
1	3	7	Systematic Theology 705, February-June 1936
1	3	8	Reinterpretation of Life in History 406 November 1935-February 1936
1	3	9	Interpretation of Life 401, October 1935-June 1936
1	4	1	Practical Theology 31-32, January – February 1934
1	4	2	Practical Theology 42 [19??]
1	4	3	Practical Theology 435, February-May 1936
1	4	4	Practical Theology 11-12-53-56, October 1933-November 1934
1	4	5	Practical Theology 830, February-May 1936
1	4	6	Field Work 1-2, November 1933- April 1934
1	4	7	Sermons, December 1935-March 1936
1	4	8	Religious Education 21 and 22, November 1934-May 1935
1	4	9	Religious Education 39 (Bibliography) 1933-1934
1	4	10	Church History 13, January 1935
1	4	11	Church History 56 [19??]
1	4	12-13	Church History 201, October 1935-February 1936
1	5	1	Philosophy of Religion 5, September 1933-January 1934
1	5	2	Philosophy of Religion 6, February-May 1934
1	5	3-5	Philosophy of Religion 11-12, October 1934-January 1935
1	5	6	Philosophy of Religion 32, [19??]
1	5	7-9	History of Religion 11 [19??]
1	5	10-12	History of Religion 12, February- May 1935

**Series 2: General, 1933-1936**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
2	1	1	Paper by W. Van Dyken, Song Parodies, Love song, December 1933
2	1	2	Pamphlets on the Church and Social Activism, 1937
2	1	3	Booklets on Temperance Societies, 1938